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Main Street was looking nice on Monday with the new flags from the Chamber of Commerce along with the U. S. Flags that were out for President's Day.

LCRA Says No Water Curtailment

LCRA is informing its agricultural irrigation customers in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties that a planned curtailment of their water supplies is no longer necessary due to increased

water supply levels.

The curtailment is part of the recently approved 2010 Water Management Plan and was triggered when water storage levels in lakes Travis and Buchanan

were below 1.4 million acre-feet.

Recent rains have raised these levels to above 1.5 million acre-feet as of Feb. 9.

"LCRA is able to lift this curtailment due to improved conditions," LCRA said.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Softball players needed

More girls ages 13 and 14 are needed to play for the Junior girls division of Eagle Lake Little League. Call 979-877-5742 if interested. Contact Coach George at Eagle Lake Primary School for more information.

Reminder from City

Residents of Eagle Lake are reminded to bring by some sort of statement if you had broken pipes caused by the freezing temperatures. That way the City can take into consideration the amount of water used as a sewer averaging rate is underway. For more information call the City at 979-234-2640.

KC Fish fry set for Feb. 17

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will hold a fried fish dinner Wednesday, Feb. 17 (Ash Wednesday), 5:30-7:30 p.m. To go plates ONLY. Serving will be held at the Parish of the Nativity Pavilion on S. Austin Road. Plates are \$8 each. Tickets may be purchased from any KC member or call 234-7175 or 234-3447. Proceeds benefit local scholarships and charities.

PJ's Annual pantomime this weekend

PJ's will be performing "Snow White and the Seven Aliens" Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. Please come and support the enthusiastic and talented youth performers.

Powerlifting meet set is Saturday

Rice High School (RHS) will be hosting the annual Rice Powerlifting Championships on Saturday Feb. 20. It has always been a huge success, due in large part, to the many community members who volunteer their time and hard work. If you're interested in volunteering this year please contact Coach Dumont at 234 - 3531 ext. 1204. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Lenten Luncheons begin Feb. 22

The United Methodist Church (UMC) of Eagle Lake will host the 14th Annual Lenten Luncheons each Monday, beginning February 22 through March 29. The luncheons will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with special music and guest speakers. A love offering will be taken and net proceeds go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. The first luncheon on Monday, Feb. 22, will feature the Rev. Ardie Nelson of UMC. UM Women will provide an array of soups and desserts. A sliced meat and cheese tray, crackers, sandwich bread, hot cornbread, iced tea and coffee will be furnished by the UMC of Eagle Lake. Everyone is cordially invited...bring a friend!

Relay for Life meeting

The Colorado County Relay For Life will be having another meeting on Feb. 23. It will be held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. We will still be signing up teams. There will be a committee meeting following the team meeting.

Diabetes series deadline, Feb. 24

The deadline to register for the Do Well Be Well with Diabetes series that is scheduled to begin on March 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Columbus Medical Clinic is approaching. Participants are reminded to register by calling Betty Hajovsky at 979-732-2372, ext. 608. The deadline to register is February 24. The fee is \$10. The presenters scheduled for the series are: Dr. Wilkinson, Rachel Post & Kim Brandt, Dr. Tom Mueller, Becky Kubicek, Registered Dietician, Dr. Robert Gobert, Dr. James Hrachovy, and Yvonne Wagner, Nurse Practitioner.

Celebrate African American Heritage

Providence Baptist Church will celebrate African American Heritage Month 2010, Sunday, Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. This year's theme is "The History of Black Economic Empowerment." Ten former residents will be honored for their achievements in business and education. The Honorable Grady Prestage, Fort Bend County Commissioner, Pct. 2 will be guest speaker. Immediately after services dinner will be served. The public is invited. Rev. Coby Shorter, III, Pastor.

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Rice Continues Football Stadium Improvement Discussions

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees had a lengthy discussion about possible upgrades at the football stadium.

The current facility has not had any major work since its construction about 40 years ago.

At previous meetings the matter was discussed and the board agreed to go ahead with having Bay Architects do some preliminary drawings for proposed improvements.

Included in the proposal are a new concession and restroom facility that would be used by both sides and would be located so that the baseball and softball fields could utilize it as well.

A new stadium entrance on the north end zone would be created and would be the entrance for both sides. It would include a new ticket booth with multiple ticket windows.

The biggest change would be flipping the home and visitor side. Currently the home crowd sits on the east side facing west. Some complaints in the past have been made about looking into the sun during early games, like during junior high or junior varsity games.

Brand new home bleachers, larger than the current home side, would be constructed.

In fact, this last season, the Rice fans did sit on the visitor side

during those games.

Another major aspect of the plan includes making room to put in a track, which would make it necessary to move stands, and light poles.

The most cost efficient way of doing it is to move only one side, though that would necessitate moving the football playing field also.

The project was designed so that a track could be added later, but representatives from Bay Architects said that they felt doing everything at once would be the most cost effective way of doing it.

A new fence would surround the entire field.

As this plan is only preliminary, no official cost estimates on the project have been obtained, but the district was given some "ball-park" figures.

The 1,600 square foot concession stand/restroom portion would cost about \$400,000; \$270,000 for the new bleachers; repositioning the football field would be about \$130,000.

With a press box, fencing and

new entrance and track, the price tag will easily pass a million dollars. There was no discussion as to where the funds to pay for such a project would come from.

It was noted that these plans were done without an official site survey, and that due to the proximity to Highway 90A, there could be some issues with everything fitting into the space.

Superintendent Michael Lannier said that he felt the next step before doing anything should be to get a site survey done and see if the proposal will work, then go from there.

It was stressed several times that this was only a preliminary plan and that nothing at all was set in stone.

There was considerable discussion, at times debate, on several aspects of the proposed plan.

A main point of contention was the flipping of the home and visitor side.

A couple of board members felt that there would be complaints from fans about having to

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City Council Discusses Fine, Roads, Lights

The Eagle Lake City Council got a report from the city's engineering firm, O'Malley Engineers, on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) fine that was assessed against the city for over pumpage of nitrogen due to a problem at the water treatment plant.

Council discussed the matter at the previous meeting and wanted to see if they could get the \$6,800 fine reduced in light of the fact that the city is preparing for major work on that facility through a \$350,000 community development block grant.

It is worth noting that the fine had been reduced once already from an original amount of \$8,500.

O'Malley advised that it was unlikely that the fine could be reduced any further, but did tell the city about the program that could help prevent future fines.

A representative for O'Malley described a program called the Sanitary Sewer Outflow Initiative, which is basically a process that starts with forming a plan to find and correct sewer problems.

He said that the plan is typically a ten-year plan and that if

the plan is in place, the TCEQ sees that as an effort to correct sewer problems and therefore any violations that might occur not likely to get fined.

He said the drawback is that when problems are found with the system, then city must find a way to correct them.

He said the study typically costs about \$7,500 to have done, then the city would enter into a contract for the program.

No action was taken, as the item was a discussion item.

In other council action: -Heard a report of vandalism at the new E. H. Henry Park restroom finished not long ago. A toilet paper dispenser was ripped down and a roll of toilet paper set on fire on the floor inside.

Council asked if it or the restroom in the area of the swimming pool are locked at night. They were told that due to break ins and replacing locks, the city stopped locking the older one and did not put locks on the new one.

-Heard a request from Rice Medical Center for more streetlights outside the hospital and

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Corey Farrow goes in for an easy bucket in late season basketball action.



Barnbas Held Council No. 3371 of the Knights of Columbus from Nada makes a donation of \$25,000 to Father Edward Schoellmann, a Maryknoll Missionary to help build a church in the Bukundi Mission in Africa. Receiving the check, from left: Leo and Jean (sister) Leopold; Beatrice and Walter (brother) Schoellmann; James (brother) and Connie Schoellmann and Edward and Ernestine Schneider (friends). Knights presenting the check are far right, Father Joe Vrana, Chaplain; Stephen Spaniel, Grand Knight; and Tom Gold, Deputy Grand Knight. See story pg. 7.